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TOPIC Artillery Unit

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Artillery Unit in Slany (H 51/F 50)

1. On 17 April 1950 Artillery Unit Utvar No 9425 was located in a barracks installation west-northwest of Slany (H 51/F 50), on the southern side of the road to Karlovy Vary (H 51/F 69). Prior to 1 October 1949 the unit had Utvar No 8804. The ammunition dump of the unit was in the woods about 1 1/2 km northwest of Libovice (H 51/F 40). \*
2. The officers of the unit included Colonel Seban, (fnu), CO; Lieutenant Colonel Kral, (fnu), deputy CO; Major Klavacek, (fnu) C/S; Staff Captain Papez, (fnu), education officer; Major Hampez, (fnu), DOZ officer; and Major Havelka, (fnu), supply officer. The personnel of the unit were about half Czechs and half Slovaks.
3. The unit was organized into a headquarters, a signal battery of 20 to 25 men, a motor transport element, and two battalions of three batteries each. The batteries had the designations A, B, F, J and V. The designation letter of one battery was not known. The V battery, which had POB 12/V, had three officers and about 45 EM. The other batteries were about the same strength.
4. Five batteries were armed with three German 75-mm AT guns and two light machine guns each, one battery with three Soviet 76.2-mm guns. All artillery pieces were moved by trucks. Officers said that the guns were only for training and would be replaced by new and better ones in case of war. \*\*
5. The motor transport element was equipped with about 10 Studebaker trucks, about 10 Praga-RN trucks, 4 jeeps, 2 57-3-Tatra passenger cars and 6 motorcycles.
6. The gas masks issued to the personnel were old German types. New gas masks with rubber hoses and filters in bags were issued to instructors only for demonstration.
7. A winter field exercise was conducted at a training grounds near Jince (H 50/L 45) in January 1950. Other field exercises were scheduled to be conducted in the area of Mimon (O 51/F 95) in May 1950. \*\*\*

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Survey Unit in Tachov.

8. Commanded by Staff Captain Pavlovsky, (fnu), the topographical unit of the Military Geographic Institute at Prague did survey work in the border area west of Tachov (N 50/P 54) on 12 June 1950. The headquarters of the unit was billeted at the Tachov market place. The unit consisted of six sections of seven men each, including a section leader. Source said that similar survey units were stationed at Zebraky (Petlarn (N 50/P 43)), Lesna (Schoenwald N 50/P 43), Kynzvalt (N 51/P 56), Frantiskovy, Lazne (N 51/P 27) and As (N 51/P 18).
9. Surveying was done in the areas of Rozvadov (Rosshaupt N 50/P 53) and Broumov (Frommenhof N 50/P 55) and was scheduled to be completed by September 1950. It was observed that during the work large quantities of barbed wire and unassembled chevreaux-de-frise were dumped 5 or 6 km from the border. All roads and paths near the border had been broken up and made impassable.

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\* [ ] Comment. Probably the 207th AT Arty Regt in Slany, although it allegedly had Utvar No 8809 in October 1948, while Utvar No 8804 was identified with an AT artillery unit in Litomerice in October 1948. However, information on the two Utvar numbers was contradictory and has not been substantiated. The data on the organization and equipment may pertain to the 207th AT Arty Regt. The information on the armament checks with previous data.

25X1A\*\* [ ] Comment. An unconfirmed report indicated that the regiment was equipped with AT guns on self-propelled mounts. [ ] It is possible that these guns were stored and were to be issued only in case of mobilization. 25X1A

25X1A\*\*\* [ ] Comment. Large maneuver grounds and artillery ranges of the Czechoslovakian Army are known to be situated near Jince and Mimon.

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